



HERALD

*March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent*

On behalf of the family of Bethany Lutheran Church & School, we welcome our members and our guests in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. If you are a visitor, we ask you to fill out the guest registration card in the pew. We also invite you to stop by our welcome center in the Narthex for a gift and more information about our church.

Longing for NO SPRING BREAK by Pastor Schumacher

I long for no spring break. No, I am not crazy. No, I am not saying that because many members will be out of town for spring break and our attendance will be down. No, it is not because I am secretly jealous of all the fun families have on break. It is because I am longing for something much better than Spring Break; I am longing for the Resurrection Day and the return of Jesus. I am longing for the time when there is no need for a break at all, because we will be with the Lord forever.

Spring Break is only a break. It is a break from school, often a break from staying in your own home, a break from normal activities. It can be a time to see a new place, experience new things, and catch up on some rest. But it is only a break. Work, school, household chores, bills—these don't go away. We might have a break from them, but they are still there when we return. Wouldn't it be better to not need a break?

And that is precisely the Christian hope. We won't need a break. There will come a time when we will have uninterrupted peace and joy. There will come a time when we will not suffer any more disease or despair. Death itself will be gone. We will be with the Lord forever in the New Jerusalem prepared for us.

In the beginning there was no need of a break from anything unpleasant. We were meant to be with God, and God wanted to be with us. So that we could be reconciled to the Father, God the Son became Man and died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead so that we would have the sure hope of unending life without a break.

This Jesus who died and rose for us is with us always. So, in a very real sense, the need for no break has already begun. And that is good! In fact, it is necessary. We need the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that Jesus gives all the time. We cannot afford a break from Him. We need Him with us always. And He is with us always. His being with us always is a foretaste of the time when we will be with Him in the New Jerusalem forever.

For those who are enjoying Spring Break, I pray that you will have a good time and be refreshed. For those who do not have a Spring Break, I pray God's blessings on your day. For all of us, I pray that we would rejoice in Christ Jesus, and rejoice in the sure hope of His return, and the Day when there is no more need of a Spring Break or any break at all. For He will welcome us into our eternal home forever.

Confirmation Registration

Confirmation is Sunday, May 7 at the 11 a.m. service. If your child is planning to be confirmed on that date, please be sure a registration form is filled out and your \$35 fee has been turned in by April 3. Contact Pastor Schumacher, Pastor Clemmer or Agnes Giuliani with questions.

March 26, 2017

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Sunday Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Monday, March 27

No School—BLS Spring Break
 7:00 pm—Principal Call Committee

Tuesday, March 28

No School—BLS Spring Break
 7:00 pm—Board of Finance

Wednesday, March 29

No School—BLS Spring Break
 No Ladies Lighthouse

2:45 pm—Lenten Service
 6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
 7:15 pm—Lenten Service

Thursday, March 30

No School—BLS Spring Break
 6:00 pm—Praises Ring
 7:00 pm—Evening Lighthouse
 7:20 pm—Proclaim
 9:00 pm—Compline

Friday, March 31

No School—BLS Spring Break

Saturday, April 1

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Basketball
 7:30 am—Bethany AM Men's Bible Study
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Sunday Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Baptism

Jacob Dwight Bjustrom, son of Ryley and Annie (Thompson) Bjustrom will be baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service this weekend. Jacob's godparents are Jean Bjustrom and Gordon Thompson.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Tom and Lynn Hart** for the anniversary of their confirmation and membership.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Noel Hogberg, rehab; **George McKissick**, ill health; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments; **Jennifer Staffeldt**, recovery from shoulder surgery.

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Jan Collins**, (friend of Shirley Burke/Jason Gonzalez) cancer/seriously ill; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) chemo treatments; **Worley Mays**, (brother-in-law of Marlene Elder) seriously ill; **Marianna Saucedo**, (former student of Shelly Quinn) continued stability following treatment for brain tumor; **Mike Stache**, (former BLC member) cancer; **Merle Steva**, (brother of Denise Bruno) recovery from open heart surgery.

Prayers that the Lord be with **Peter Johnson** as he continues to serve in the Air Force.

For the **family and friends of Alyssa Smith** (friend of Rilie Timmons) who died in a car crash a week ago.

Bethany's Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please contact Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at muttiina@gmail.com with your prayer requests and if you would like to be part of the prayer chain.

Don't Forget to Direct Choice Dollars!

If you're an eligible Thrivent Financial member and have Choice Dollars available to direct, please keep Bethany in mind. March 31, 2017 is the deadline to direct 2016 funds—don't let your dollars expire! For more information or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4835 and say "Thrivent Choice".

Treasurer's Report

	February 2017			
	8 months 2016/17	Budget 2016/17	Difference	8 months 2015/16
Contributions	690,500	725,600	-35,100	700,000
Tuition, Fees	583,600	636,300	-52,700	581,100
Matching	1,400	5,500	-4,100	5,900
Bequest/Transfers	17,400	0	17,400	3,000
Other	21,000	17,000	4,000	16,900
Total Income	1,313,900	1,384,400	-70,500	1,306,900
Sal./Ben.	1,145,600	1,199,700	-54,100	1,087,900
Program	153,100	167,200	-14,100	168,000
Properties	176,700	182,400	-5,700	168,300
Total Expense	1,475,400	1,549,300	-73,900	1,424,200
2016/2017				
Surplus/Deficit	-161,500	-164,900	3,400	-117,300

News

Come Learn About Oktoberfest Opportunities!!

We are gearing up for our third annual Oktoberfest community outreach event on September 23, 2017! Committees are forming and we would love to have you join as a leader or member of a committee. Come see what opportunities are available on Sunday, April 9, after the 11 a.m. service.

We're Having An Easter Egg Hunt!

Bethany will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 16 after the 8:30 a.m. service this Easter Sunday. We are inviting all children 5th grade and younger to participate.

On **Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m.** there will be an egg stuffing social event for any adult who would like to help stuff eggs. Kierste Schafer is hosting this party at her home (708 Kohley Rd. Lisle). Appetizers and drinks will be provided. We need your help to make this a fun event for our children. Please RSVP to jandschaffer@yahoo.com or text Kierste at 860-886-3075 if you can help on April 8.

Bethany Women Take 1st!!

Congratulations to Bethany's women's volleyball team for winning 1st place in the West Suburban Conference and also taking 1st place in the Lutheran Athletic Association of Greater Chicago's Chicagoland Championship tournament.

Kathy Gebhardt also earned co-MVP honors at the tournament. Team members include Amanda Bolen, Debbie Clasen, Cori Clasen, Alex Clasen, Linda Fox, Kathy Gebhardt, Erica Harper, Sandy Hope, Kari Janetzke, Megan LeResche, Sherry May and Tamara Paulun.

New Sunday Bible Class to Begin in April

"Receiving the Word with Joy"

St. Paul commends the church in Thessalonica for receiving the word with the joy of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 1:6). Each week, we hear the readings of the Scriptures in the Divine Service, but maybe didn't get to reflect upon them and study them as thoroughly as we would like. This class will give you more opportunity to slow down and "inwardly digest" the Scriptures read in church that Sunday, that you would be filled with the Lord's comfort and joy throughout your week. This class will begin April 9.

Easter Breakfast Volunteer Opportunities

Easter Breakfast is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with friends and church family, but it takes many hands to cook and serve our delicious breakfast. If you would like to be a part of the fun, there are many ways to be involved.

See the sign-up board in the Narthex or go online at goo.gl/zYEchV. If you are interested in donating baked goods for breakfast, please sign up on the board in the Narthex, and place them in the kitchen before noon Saturday, April 15.

Soup Suppers Continue!

Consider joining your fellow members and friends for a bowl of soup, salad and hot dogs next Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. This is a nice time to sit and chat and relax before evening worship. Thanks to the groups that have hosted the suppers so far: Church Office, Day School/Day School Policy Board, Proclaim, and Women's Volleyball. This week the Men's Bible Breakfast group is hosting and we finish up with Ladies Lighthouse and Youth co-hosting on April 5. Many, many thanks to these wonderful volunteers!

VBS June 19-21!

Bethany will be hosting a FREE Summer VBS program from June 19-21 from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Get ready to "Camp Out and Learn S'more About Jesus."! New this year: Students entering Pre-k 3's-5th grade are eligible to attend. In addition, students entering 6th grade and up can register as a Jr. Camp Counselor to help younger students. Registration will be available soon. Please contact Jessica Gade (jgade@bethanylcs.org) or Jamie Rogoz

Youth News

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 16

Come and enjoy a hot, delicious breakfast Easter morning, served by the Jr. and Sr. high youth. Family style serving begins at 7:15 a.m., and buffet breakfast begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:45 a.m. Stop in either before or after a worship service. All are welcome.

Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Bacon and Sausage. Fresh Fruit and Baked Goods. Coffee, Tea and Juice. Free Will Offering

Donations of baked goods can be brought to the kitchen by noon Saturday, April 15.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Lenten/Holy Week

Lenten Worship Schedule 2017

“The Last Words of Jesus”

(Lenten Soup Suppers Begin at 6:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 29—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“I Thirst;” “It is finished”

Wednesday, April 5—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“Into your hands I commit my spirit”

Holy Week Worship Schedule 2017

Saturday/Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

5 p.m., 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday

7:15 p.m. Divine Service

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

Noon—3 p.m.—individual confession/absolution

4 p.m. Divine Service

7:15 p.m. Tenebrae

Saturday, April 15—Easter Vigil

7:34 p.m. (sunset) Divine Service)

Sunday, April 16—Easter

6:30 a.m. (sunrise) Matins

8:30 a.m. Divine Service

11 a.m. Divine

Easter breakfast in the gym. Hot breakfast from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Voters Board

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Pastor Schumacher.....	Pastor
Pam Mueller	Principal

Board of Trustees

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The deadline for the April 2 Herald is Tuesday, March 28.

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

“Hebrews: Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever”

Join us in the gym each Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Bible class on the Book of Hebrews. This book draws upon the Old Testament to point to Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. This class is taught by Pastor Schumacher and runs through April 2.

Adult Instruction Class

If you're interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith contact Pastor Schumacher at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or Pastor Clemmer at sclemmer@bethanylcs.org or call 630-355-2198. This class meets each Sunday in the Board Room.

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. No pre-registration is necessary.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Lifelight

The Lifelight Ladies have begun the study of 1 & 2 Chronicles. We meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday mornings. Books are available in the church office. All women are welcome. Contact Karen Perry (630-904-1043 or ksperry62@gmail.com) with any questions. **There is no class on March 29.**

Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor one week and in a home the next. We are studying Ruth and Esther. For more information, please call the church office.

Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast

All men of Bethany are invited to the Men's Bible Breakfast which meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Our theme continues with 1 Corinthians.

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Service Times

Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 (Communion at all services)

Sunday worship is followed by Coffee Fellowship time. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Study begin at 10 a.m.

Nursery The nursery is staffed during worship and Bible Study hour on Sundays. You are welcome to use it as a cry room at the 5 p.m. service.